

# The Rotator

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## Engineering Humor

*You may be an engineer if.....  
You have a habit of destroying things in order to see how they work.*



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## Out & About



Were you at the Triton Expo in October? AME was there with "Hop Scotch For Scotch". We had some of our favorite Captains & Crew playing this schoolyard classic with a twist... our participants would get a shot of scotch, or butter scotch schnapps for being good sports. For those who are more artists than athletes, AME had paint and canvas on hand for attendees to "Make Their Mark on the Masterpiece". Catch any of this on camera? Share your pics or video on our [facebook page](#).



## What's AME Up To

AME's had a jam-packed season with 3 speaking engagements!

On 9/25 the **American Boat Builders & Repairers Association/ABBRA** and the **American Boat & Yacht Council/ABYC** had AME President, Rich Merhige present a 90 minute webinar - "Increasing Efficiency & Decreasing Your Costs With Vibration Analysis".



Later, in early October, both Merhige, and AME Office Administrator, Christine Battles were invited to participate as panelists at the **Yacht Symposium & Job Fair**, hosted at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center. Merhige shared his expertise on the "Engineering Advances & the Challenges Ahead" panel, while Battles lended her support to the "Business Practices & Marketing" one.



**Maritime Professional Training/MPT** kicked off their MPT Cares Seminar Series on 10/16, with Merhige Presenting on Vibration Analysis. "Our goal with this series is to give back to our students and alumni with complimentary classes taught by local industry professionals," said Lisa Morley, VP Sales & Marketing, MPT. "We chose Rich as our first presenter because he is a well-known and respected engineer in the marine industry. Vibration analysis is a very specialized topic that has been getting more and more recognition. He was very well received, we exceeded our capacity of 50 and have gotten nothing but positive feedback from those attendees who are eager for next seminar."



One of AME's favorite parties, The **Fort Yachtie Da Film Festival**, was held on Saturday, November 15th, at Cinema Paradisio. AME was a major sponsor and Fort Yachtie Da Cake Pops was onsite with their Cake-Pop Girl, giving out dessert with an AME bite. They also had the honor of presenting the Best Female Actress award.



## Final Thought

Stressing out about your next class survey? AME works closely with Class Surveyors to ensure all requirements are met successfully and that your yard period is as seamless and efficient as possible.



If your survey is coming up, contact us and we'll lay out your survey for you from start-to-finish to make sure you don't miss any details. We're even recognized as External Specialists for Condition Monitoring by ABS! The best part? AME goes to you. Regardless of your location, AME has great relationships with yards around the world, so we can support you, when, and where you need it most. Learn how we can make your survey hassle free - contact us at **954-764-2678** for more information.



Want to stay up-to-speed on the latest maintenance topics? AME is honored to have a new column in the Yachting Industry's mainstay, go-to newspaper, The Triton.



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AME's been hard at work, showcasing their services, and rubbing elbows with the who's who of the maritime industry, at the **55th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show/FLIBS**, held 10/30 - 11/3/2014, and the **International Workboat Show**, which ran 12/3 - 12/5/14, in New Orleans. Two of our favorite industry colleagues, **Lauderdale Propeller Service**, and **Derecktor Shipyards** made the trip to NoLa, as well, and had great new booths, neighboring ours.



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## Marine News

AME has a dedicated following of customers, both Captains and boats. So, when one of our favorite Captains took command of one of our favorite yachts, **COCKTAILS**, we couldn't have been happier to be commissioned for her hull target, alignment, new mount installation, and Wartsila seal service during her fall yard period.



"AME was on time despite dealing with schedule changes and adversity," said Captain David Sloate. "Regardless the situation, they faced it with grace, and a smile, always, resulting in a very successful yard period."

## Industrial News

Did you know that AME can also rebuild pumps? Recently, AME signed on to remove, inspect, and align pumps for the water works department of a major South Florida municipality. This extensive project will require elaborate rigging for removals so that the units can be transported to AME's main shop. The AME service team will then conduct inspections and make necessary repairs to the pumps, which will conclude with alignments. Most importantly, the AME team will engineer new bases for the pumps, which will provide greater stability and support for the units.

